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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State of Arkansas Vendors

**FROM:** Joe Giddis, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Changes to the Arkansas Procurement Law

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During this past legislative session major changes to the Arkansas Procurement law were recommended by this office, passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. There was an "emergency clause" attached to the major bills making them effective upon the Governor's signature. Preliminary guidance has been sent to the State Agency Procurement Officials informing them of major changes and establishing preliminary regulations for implementation.

The major thrust in this legislative session was to establish in law those provisions necessary for the State to move fully into e-commerce, provide more flexibility in how state officials use the various procurement tools, clarify the definitions of Amendment 54 as it pertains to printing, stationery and supplies, establish authority to use new procurement tools such as "Special Procurements" and strengthen the authority of the Director to ensure compliance by state agencies with the procurement laws, regulations and policies.

If you wish to view specific changes to the procurement law you may pull a copy of Acts 1237, 588, 589, 1309, 1718, and 905 from the Arkansas Home page at [WWW.state.ar.us](http://WWW.state.ar.us) Arkansas Government, General Assembly. When we have completed work on re-writing the procurement law regulations and policies they will be posted on our web site at <http://www.state.ar.us/dfa/purchasing/index.html> along with the complete text of the procurement law.

We now have in place necessary changes to the procurement law that will enable a more responsive process while maintaining the integrity and efficiency of the entire acquisition process. As we work through the process of re-writing the regulations and policies there will be opportunities for your comment and input to the final product. I encourage your active involvement in that process. Our web site will serve as the single point of information. Please visit it regularly for updates on our progress.